HAMLIN COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2025

The Hamlin Collegiate Independent School District Board of Education met in a regular session and in the Board Room at the Hamlin Collegiate ISD Piper Center at 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2025

Kendon Gruben called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, and announced the proceedings will be recorded. He stated to let the record show there was a quorum present with the following members present: Kendon Gruben, Carrie Moore, Jennifer Prater, Derek Moore, Sheila Darnell, Dr. Chad White and Sherman Bates. Sherman Bates gave the invocation, followed by Kendon Gruben leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: Dr. Chanda Bloch -Superintendent, Lisa Gonzales, Chris Kimball, Michelle Jones, Jacob Cox, Morganne Mandrell, Becky Terry, and Cristy Castanares.

OPEN FORUM: No one signed up to address the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Safety Update:

Joey Sepeda, Safety and Security Director, gave the board a report on safety and the changes in the district. One such change has been making SW Ave F a one-way street. The city has put up One Way Only signs to let drivers know of the change. It has been a challenge but most drivers are for the most part following it. The One Way Only begins on 2nd Street and goes all the way to 5th Street. This will remain a one way street at all times, day and night.

The district continues to make changes around the campuses and add additional security to insure the safety of our students and staff. Joey stated he would continue to address any safety issues or concerns that may arise and credits all staff members for coming together to monitor surroundings and keeping everyone safe.

Principal's Update:

Jacob Cox, Elementary Principal, addressed the board about all the great things happening at elementary including the ongoing implementation of the Bluebonnet curriculum. Staff have been busy learning new ways to motivate and teach students and help them to learn more effectively. Students have been diving deep into math and reading. Mr. Cox mentioned a possible new reading program (Book Taco) to make reading fun and get students to spend more time reading. The elementary is also excited to bring back recognitions for staff and students.

Morganne Mandrell, High School Principal, brought data to present the benchmark testing scores to show where students are in comparison to last year. Ms. Mandrell also went over the changes that the state has made on the way the students will be scored and what that will look like this year. High School teachers continue to recognize students with the "Bricks of the Week" and each other as "Master Builders" to highlight their accomplishments in the classroom.

Both principals thanked Michelle Jones and Cristy Castanares for all their support, help, and feedback given to all the teachers.

CONSENT AGENDA
Minutes:

Kendon Gruben moved to the next item on the agenda, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Kendon Gruben asked if there were any corrections to the Board minutes for the board meetings of August 11, and 25th, 2025. No corrections were suggested or made.

Derek Moore moved the Board approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented. **Jennifer Prater** seconded and the motion passed. (7-0 voting for the motion.)

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

DISCUSSION ITEMS- Auditorium Lighting
The District went out for bids for new and updated lighting and sound system for the auditorium. Only one bid was submitted from Moyers. Dr. Bloch took questions from the board and addressed the benefits of replacing the lights not currently working and updating the sound and communication system.

ACTION ITEMS:
Consider Approval of Jones County Appraisal Board Nomination Resolution
Sheila Darnell moved the Board consider/approve **Tucker Teague as HCISD's Nominee for Jones County Appraisal Board** as presented**. Dr. Chad White** seconded and the motion passed (7-0)

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of Stonewall County Appraisal Board Nomination Resolution
Carrie Moore moved the Board consider/approve **John Dane Gholson, Anaya Mullin, Renee Spikes and Todd Spitzer as HCISD's Nominees for Stonewall County Appraisal Board** as presented**. Dr. Chad White** seconded and the motion passed (7-0)

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of Senate Bill 12 Resolution

Jennifer Prater moved the Board consider/approve the **Senate Bill 12 Resolution** as presented**. Derek Moore** seconded and the motion passed (7-0)

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of Bank Depository Extension for 2025-2027

Sheila Darnell moved the Board consider/approve **Bank Depository Extension for 2025-2027** as presented**. Jennifer Prater** seconded and the motion passed (6-0 for Abstain-1)

Board Member Vote	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben			x
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Bloch went over the Financial Reports including the quarterly investments with the Board.
District Audit scheduled for September 25, 2025
Facilities Audit scheduled for Oct. 28, 2025
Enrollment for the week ending Sept. 12th is at 374**.**
Next board meeting scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2025, at 5:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm by Kendon Gruben.

MINUTES APPROVED: OCTOBER 13, 2025